

An Appeal to the Record.

The history of financial legislation in America can be summarized into the very brief statement that the Republicans have advocated and the Democrats opposed every act of legislation calculated to perfect the system which now obtains. The consensus of mature Republican judgment has been wrong, usually. The Republican party has made mistakes and rectified them. The Democratic party has made mistakes and insisted upon repeating them.

The national banking act was a Republican measure, calculated to redeem the country from the evils of wildcat banking. The measure was opposed by 90 per cent. of the Democrats in Congress and is today opposed by a very large number of them, in spite of the time test of its merits. In 1896 the Democratic platform declared the issue of national bank notes unconstitutional and so recently as 1900 the platform demanded the substitution of Government notes or silver certificates for bank notes as rapidly as possible.

Every Republican in Congress voted for the resumption of specie payments and every Democrat against it; and a Democratic House in 1877, passed a bill for the repeal of the resumption act. A majority of the Democrats voted against the bill to repeal the silver purchase act, and only 12 Democrats voted for the establishment of gold standard, while 178 voted against it. The Republicans in 1896 and 1900 and 1904 declared for the gold standard, in their party platforms. The Democrats declared for the free and unlimited coinage of silver in 1896 and in 1900, and remained silent on the subject in their platform of 1904.

That, in brief, is the record and yet the Democratic party comes up and asks the voters of the country to entrust the destinies of the nation to its unsafe hands and its uncertain policies on a question that concerns the welfare of every American. It is like asking the owners of a vessel, freighted with valuable cargo, steaming strong in a known current with a trained pilot, to surrender it to an unskilled pilot and untried crew.

Doing Our Best.

"She hath done what she could,"—St. Mark viii, 8.

There are times when even the confirmed optimist must, if he be honest with himself, acknowledge disappointment. This should not lead to discouragement; yet however determined the effort to see the bright side of things, each one is bound to find some shadows that cannot be quickly dispelled, when the eye turns inward to view its possessor. No moments of life are more generally gloomy, perhaps, than those wherein men compare their achievements with their opportunities. Few find happiness or satisfaction in the contemplation of how much might have been done that remains undone. And what has been done may seem of small import, when compared with one whose work has helped make the world more fair; another whose years seem so productive of use and benefit.

But men's real worth can not be measured by the houses they build. The ant is the most prodigious worker in all the world below man, not because its labors are more fruitful of visible and tangible results, but because it puts to use a larger percentage of its time and strength. Such is the true measure of life. The question is not "Have I done what I could?"

In the estimation of others, this life or that may have been wasted, just as some thought about the box of precious ointment; but do they know the limit or the odds? Can they see the love, far more precious than any ointment, that actuates many a deed misunderstood?

That counts far more than man, in his euro-bits of humanity, can ever tell. It throws a new light on countless lives, obscurely lived and apparently of small consequence, by which we come to learn what strength, faith, patience, and charity really are. It gilds the narrow by-paths of each with a glory exceeding that of the great highways—a splendor as lasting as the remembrance of this strange offering sent resounding down the ages by Christ himself.

Men often stand back because of a false modesty regarding their own ability. They hesitate to do for fear of being outdone. Clothes have so long constituted a passport to social intercourse that hearts and brains seek converse elsewhere. It is one of the great curses we have brought

upon ourselves—this damnable fear of self.

No man was ever born unneeded. However small the share he was sent to contribute, the world is less complete without it. In every great engine is one small bolt or bar without which the giant of power would be powerless. Need we fear the indignation of those who may exclaim: "Why was this waste?"

Then let us banish fear, and do what we can.—Philadelphia North American.

Topsy-Turvy World.

The Japanese people, writes Prof. Sherer in his "Japan Today" are our veritable antipodes. So opposite are their customs to our own that one is half inclined to think himself dreaming, like Alice in Wonderland, where everything was upside down and topsy-turvy. Prof. Chamberlain has dubbed Japan with the nickname "Topsy-Turvydom." You take up a book, and find it begins where ours ends, the word finis, coming where we put the title-page, while the footnotes are printed at the top, the lines running downward instead of crosswise, and from right to left instead of left to right. You go to a dinner, it is served on the floor, and the first course is dessert. You go for a ride, and find that the horse will let you mount only from the right-hand side, and that he will insist on standing backwards in his stall, with his head thrust out through the door, and his tail where his head ought to be. Boats are hauled on the beach stern first. The sailors will not say "north-east, south-west," but "east-north, west-south." Nurses carry children not in their arms, but on their backs. Carpenters pull their plans and saws. Instead of pushing them; yet when then they use that awkward tool, the adze, comically true to the principle of contrariety, they cut from themselves instead of towards themselves. The first time I saw a carpenter using an adze I had to laugh. But when I told him why it was his turn to laugh. "Why," said he "how perfectly absurd! To chop toward yourself would be to cut yourself!" And I saw that it all depends upon the point of view. Building a house these funny carpenters construct the roof first; then, having numbered the pieces, they break it up again, and keep it until the sub-structure is finished. When the house is done, you will find that the keys turn in instead of out. And when guests come to see you, politeness prompts them to remove not their hats, but their shoes. Finally the color of mourning is not black but white; and the Japanese, true to life in death, has himself buried in a sitting posture.—Ex.

Teachers' Examination.

Phillipsburg Kans., Aug. 15, 1904
The next regular Teachers' Examination will be held at Phillipsburg, Kansas, on Monday and Tuesday, August 29 and 30, 1904. Exercises will begin promptly at 8 o'clock a. m.
C. M. ARNOLD,
County Supt.

Will go to Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fleisher who have been residents of Kansas for thirty-five years and of Phillips county for twenty-five have sold out and will leave today for East LeRoy, Michigan where they will make their future home. Mrs. Morgan a sister of Mr. Fleisher who has been at Denver will return with them. Mr. Fleisher will live in town and will retire from active business life. He has several relatives and many friends there who will be glad to have him with them. The health of the family seem to be better there. Friends here while sorry to see them leave, will wish them well in their new location.

Perhaps She Was Both.

Noah Webster was, as might be supposed a stickler for good English, and often reproved his wife's misuse of the language. On one occasion, according to a fanciful yarn, Webster happened to be alone in the dining room with the very pretty housemaid and being susceptible to such charms put his arms around her and kissed her squarely on the mouth. Just at this moment Mrs. Webster entered the room, gasped, stood aghast and in a tone of horror exclaimed, "Why Noah, I am surprised! Whereupon Mr. Webster coolly and calmly, but with every evidence of disgust, turned upon her "How many times must I correct you on the use of that simple word?" he remarked. "You mean madam, that you are astonished, I am the one that is surprised."—Kansas City Star.

Beans vs. Beef.

The lowly bean is the worse enemy of the beef trust—that is, as a club. If the people knew how to use it, it could well nigh put the beef trust out of business.

"What do you think of Americans eating more beans as a method of escape from the extortions of the beef trust?" was asked Secretary Wilson of the department of Agriculture. "An excellent plan he replied; it would be a mighty good thing. The bean—in fact all the legume family—is a splendid substitute for meat. The bean furnishes the nitrogenous muscle-producing element of human food as does no other vegetable. With beans men can live with out any meat whatever.—Ex.

History of the Passing Dollar.

Thirty years of silver agitation and delusion may be regarded as ended by the coinage of the last silver dollar. The striking of this coin was suspended by Thomas Jefferson, and not resumed on any scale till Martin Van Buren was president. Only small amounts were struck previous to and during the suspension of specie payments, and the total amount coined prior to the decline of silver and the discovery that if they were in existence silver dollars would be cheap as small as to make the clamor for the "Dollar of the Daddies" as ridiculous as it was foolish.

The Bland-Allison act of 1878 restored the legal existence of the coin, which had been abolished by the "crime of 1873," and compelled the manufacture of silver dollars. The silver purchase act of 1890 stopped the coinage at a fixed date except as to a sufficient number to redeem "Sherman" notes, which, as a matter of fact, were redeemed in gold at the demand of the holders. Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, got into the Spanish war revenue act a provision for the manufacture of silver dollars.

In the gold standard act of 1900 it was attempted to put an end to this, but the silver sentiment prevented such action. The bulk of the silver bought under the Sherman law has been coined; the remainder will be for subsidiary coinage. We are probably through with the "Dollar of the Daddies," except for the vast number on hand which cannot be forced into circulation.—Kansas City Journal.

Railroad Notes.

A new bulletin board and register desk was added to the round house equipment Monday.

Charlie Wands went to Smith Center to see his best girl Monday evening. At least we suppose that is when and why he went.

Engineer Biddison was called to Goodland last Friday evening on account of the sudden and serious illness of his daughter. On his regular run he would not have reached home until Saturday night. We are glad however to state that his daughter had so far recovered that he was able to resume his run Monday.

Eli McClure made a trip to Goodland Monday afternoon on No. 41 to take care of four hot boxes, three on the dining car and on the sleeper. However the boxes had been so well cared for here that he had little to do except to ride.

Foreman Schultz was kept at home all day Monday by an attack of sick headache; but he was at his post on time Tuesday morning.

The cry is still, "cut down expenses." Another man was taken off last Saturday. There is one thing sure, though, that cannot be done more than about thirty more times here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Schultz, Friday the 12th inst., a daughter. Everybody getting along nicely except Fred. He seems subject to sick headache now.

Bert Cochran's mother visited with him the first of the week and left Monday night for Salt Lake City where Bert's father is sick.

Mrs. T. D. Cook and children went to Kensington Tuesday morning to attend the anniversary and to visit relatives and friends. They may go on up in Nebraska before returning home.

The style of numbering engines is being changed and instead of the number being placed on the side of the tank as formerly, it is placed on the side of the cab just under the windows, and on the side of the tank the words "Rock Island" is painted.

BEGGS' BLOOD PURIFIER
CURES catarrh of the stomach.

PROGRAMME

Of the Phillips County Sunday School Convention to be held at Kirwin, August 25 and 26.

THURSDAY MORNING.

10:00—Devotional Rev J. Kirkpatrick
10:30—Address "Sunday School Work" F. H. Baker, Long Island.

11:00—Appointment of Committees.
11:30—Report of State Convention A. F. Walker, Prairie View

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30—Devotional Rev. C. M. Snyder
1:45—"Duties of Township Presidents" Rev H. H. Bowen, Kirwin

Discussion—H. M. Hunter, Logan and C. O. Dubois, Naponee, Nebraska
2:15—"Township Secretaries and their Duties." Mrs. W. D. Granger, Phillipsburg.

Discussion—Miss Eunice Baker, Marvin and John Boeve, Prairie View
2:45—"Chart Work in the Sunday School" Rev. Kemp Phillipsburg

3:30—"Pastor in the Sunday School" Rev J. R. McQuown Phillipsburg
3:45—"Round Table Work." State Secretary J. H. Engle.

THURSDAY EVENING.

7:45—Song Service and Devotional. Rev. L. Kemp, Phillipsburg.
8:00—"Jerusalem Cruise and Convention." State Secretary H. Engle.

FRIDAY MORNING.

10:00—Devotional Rev. Wardrip, Marvin.
10:15—"Primary Work." Mrs. M. L. Heath, Phillipsburg.

11:00—"Township Conventions and their benefits." A. F. Walker, General Discussion.
11:30—"Round Table." J. H. Engle.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

1:15—Devotional Rev. H. H. Bowen.
1:30—Report of county officers and business meeting.

2:30—"Temperance in the Sunday School." Mrs. A. H. Granger, Phillipsburg.
Discussion—H. L. Caswell.

3:00—"Lesson Preparation, by Teacher and Pupil" R. D. Hawley, Republican City Nebraska
Discussion—J. M. Campbell, Logan.

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A True Tale.

The other day in the city of Des Moines an old gentleman, member of the Presbyterian church, after a few days illness, died.

His next door neighbor on one side was a Hebrew, on the other side a member of the Methodist church, and the neighbors a second door away, a Catholic.

During his illness the neighbors took turn about in caring for the old man, whose wife was a semi-invalid. There was no help in the household save that rendered alternately by the Jew, the Catholic and the Methodist. They took splendid care of the aged Presbyterian and his wife.

While the old man was dying there was no minister present and the wife asked if some one could not offer a prayer. The Catholic repeated reverently the Lord's prayer and the others reverently joined.

Together the Methodist and the Jew and the Catholic prepared for the funeral. A Presbyterian clergyman read the service.

There was but one relative—a daughter living in Chicago—and the funeral cortege consisted of the daughter and the families of the Catholic, the Jew and the Methodist.

That's all.

Only this: Twenty years ago such a thing would have been impossible.

Surely the world grows better and more charitable and kinder.—K. C. World.

A Fine Orchard.

E. A. Mitchell of Freedom who has one of the finest small orchards in the county is preparing to make a fine fruit display at the coming street fair. Last year he received the award for the best display at Alma, Nebraska and had to compete with a Lincoln nursery product. Out of fourteen varieties exhibited he received the blue ribbon for thirteen. This is a good "ad" for Phillips county fruit.

For Sale.

A good farm of 160 acres, all fenced and crossed fenced; 130 acres under cultivation; 12 acres in trees; 16 acres in alfalfa. A good frame house of four rooms. Frame granary 12x16 feet. Frame chicken house 10x12. Good hog yard securely fenced. This farm is situated in the north part of the county and can be had for \$3000. If old now, crops go to purchaser.
W. H. PATT.

Calumet Baking Powder

Health—Economy.

Hill—McCormick.

Sunday afternoon at five o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCormick occurred the wedding of Rev I. S. Hall of St. Francis, Kansas, a former pastor of the Methodist church at this place and Mrs. M. E. McCormick of this city.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. R. McQuown in the presence of about thirty five relatives and friends, after which the festivities common to occasions of this kind were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall have rooms here and will remain in town for a few days, when they will leave for a visit in Delphos and the eastern part of the state. Both parties are well known here and have many friends who wish them all the joys incident to married life.

Treat the Editor Fairly.

Every man in every town, during the course of a life time, has to ask a favor of the editor. There are no exceptions to this rule. A man may escape the doctor. He may keep clear of the courts, but once in his life, at least, a man has to go to a newspaper to ask to have a certain piece put in, to have a certain piece kept out, or to have his name printed or omitted from some item. It's therefore to your interest that you treat the editor fairly. He desires to be fair; he would rather do the right than the wrong thing but if you give him a kick, the dent of it may be found in your own hat some day and you will never know how it got there. Don't think you are immune. Don't think that providence has especially favored you. For your time will come and when it comes it will be a fine investment if you have a friend in the editor's office.—Ewing Herbert in the Hiawatha World.

Important Opportunities

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The opportunity to sell REAL ESTATE, was never better than at the present time. Every day inquiries for choice farms for sale are received.

Whoever desires to dispose of a farm or city property, I respectfully invite to call with full description of property, and terms upon which it will be sold.

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W. H. PRATT, Phillipsburg, Kansas.